



State of Washington
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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9:00 a.m.
January 27, 2004

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

Evergreen Plaza Bldg. Room 206
711 Capitol Way South
Olympia, Washington

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Earl Tilly, Chair

Via Telephone:

Francis Martin, Member

Michael Connelly, Member

STAFF PRESENT

Vicki Rippie, Executive Director

Susan Harris, Assistant Director

Michael Smith, Chief Technology Officer

Nancy Krier, Senior Counsel

Ruthann Bryant, Secretary

Via Telephone:

Linda Dalton, Sr. Asst. Attorney General

The regular meeting of the Public Disclosure Commission was called to order by Commission Chair Earl Tilly at 9:04 a.m. in the Evergreen Plaza Building, Room 206, Olympia, Washington.

Commissioner Comments

No Commissioner comments were expressed.

Citizen Comments/Concerns

No citizen comments or concerns were expressed.

Election of Officers

Motion 04-065

Moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Tilly:

**The Commission elects Michael
Connelly as Vice Chair of the Public
Disclosure Commission.**

The motion passed unanimously.

Legislation

Vicki Rippie updated the Commission on HB 2667 regarding mandatory electronic filing for lobbyists and lobbyist employers. She noted that staff is currently finalizing a fiscal note on the impact of the bill and noted it may be beneficial to have a feasibility study conducted prior to legislation mandating electronic filing. The Commission concurred.

Ms. Rippie also summarized other legislation that may have an effect on the provisions of chapter 42.17 RCW. The Commission requested that Ms. Rippie testify on behalf of the Commission in support of HB 2793 regarding the 21day pre election reports and SB 6538 regarding campaign account inspections.

Staff Reports

Executive Director

Ms. Rippie briefly summarized the budget status report noting that as of the mid point of the fiscal year, the budget is on track.

Assistant Director

Susan Harris reported on the training video project and briefly summarized tasks accomplished in the compliance and data entry areas.

Chief Technology Officer

Michael Smith reported on the progress of the ORCA project noting that Bruce Wendler will begin more testing in mid-February and Beta testing will follow soon thereafter.

Assistant Attorney General

Nancy Krier updated the status of current cases and noted that oral argument in the Edelman v PDC case is scheduled for March 25, 2004 at 1:30 p.m.

Executive Session

The Commission went into executive session at 9:45 a.m. to discuss pending and potential litigation with legal counsel.

Public Session/Adjournment

The Commission returned to public session and Commissioner Tilly adjourned the meeting at

10:00 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for
Tuesday, February 24, 2004.

Approved by the Commission 2/24/04